

NYT Documentary short film:

Directions:

Read the questions, then view the film. Answer the questions on a separate page in several sentences or a paragraph. Be sure to cite specific quotes from the film. Watch the film again as necessary.

1. What is presented as the main problem facing Muslim women in this film?
2. "Belonging" is emphasized in the film. What are some examples of belonging and integration?
3. What are some examples of "struggling to belong?"
4. What are the stated examples of conservative thought/ religious devotion?
5. What are some examples of "extreme" or radical thought?
6. What is the woman's stance on music? (hint: she does not say it is a sin)
7. What do the 'radical preachers' look like?
8. Mention 3 examples of "binary" ideology mentioned in the film.
9. What does "insular" mean? Why is Rabina suggesting it is a problem for the Muslim community? What is she suggesting as a solution?
10. Why don't women exercise in public, according to the film? (2 reasons)
11. Why does the film say "women and girls are especially vulnerable?"
12. What are the double standards mentioned in the film?

NYT Article

Directions:

- a) Read the following questions carefully.
- b) Read the NYT article and annotate as you read. Pay close attention to the questions as you read.
- c) Answer the following questions on a separate page. Your responses should make specific references to the article and should be at least several sentences.

1. Khadiza was a model member of the community. Mention several ways she was well integrated and successful.
2. Using several paragraphs from the article as evidence, explain how the author believes teenage rebellion factors in radicalization. How does joining ISIS “empower” girls? How does ISIS use “feminism” to recruit?
3. Explain how women feel the pressure to “fit in”.
4. Explain the different perspectives on fashion.
5. How does ISIS use women as propaganda?
6. What images and ideas on her iPod had a profound effect on Khadiza?
7. The article argues that Islamaphobia (fear of Muslims) actually contributes to radicalization. Explain the reasoning. What, therefore, can we do to combat extremism?
8. Would responding to tragedies around the world more effectively help stem the propaganda that attracts people to ISIS? Why/ Why not?